

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Mother  
Willie Mae Washington*

Sunrise: August 15, 1920    Sunset: August 30, 2018

11:00 am Friday  
September 14, 2018

PERRY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
3443 MARKET STREET  
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## Obituary

Mother Willie Mae Washington a mighty warrior and woman of God, was born to Ed and Nola Dixon, August 15, 1920, in Fryson, Louisiana. She was the third child of four children and was the only girl child born to this union. Mother Washington received her early education in Shreveport, LA where she attended elementary and junior high school. She resided in Shreveport, LA until she was 12 yrs. old.

As a young child, God's hands were upon her life. Anointed to pray, Willie Mae was often called on by the elders of her little Baptist Church to pray. She was so small, they had to stand her on a table, so all could see this little anointed girl who prayed to the Lord with such power. She proclaimed that at times, the Lord would open up the sky, and she would literally hear the angelic host singing praises to the Lord. She described it as the most beautiful music she had ever heard, as tears lapped under her chin. The song "Up Above My Head, I hear Music in the Air," was not just a hymn, but reality for her. Willie Mae accepted the Lord at an early age.

As a young woman, Willie Mae Dixon moved to CA in the early 1940's where she worked in the homes of many famous and notable people. She worked for Mr. Henry J. Kaiser and Dr. Garfield, founders of Kaiser Permanente Hospitals nationwide.

Later in life, Willie Mae met a handsome soldier by the name of Joe Washington on her way to the movies. After a year of dating, Willie Mae and Joe were married, April 29, 1947. To this union, four children were born, Alfred Jerome, Elizabeth Ann, Evelyn Anita, and Ida Mae (Denise). Elder Joe Washington preceded her in death on July 11, 1976.

Willie Mae was an exemplary mother and loved her children. She would do almost anything for them. Willie Mae raised her children in the fear and admonition of God by praying with them, quoting scriptures with them and taking them to Sunday School. She also enjoyed the holidays with them by taking them to Lake Merritt and Children's Fairyland.

Willie Mae was saved under the spiritual watchcare of Bishop C.A. Perry, founder of Perry Temple COGIC in Oakland. Her spiritual midwives were the late Sis. Powell, Mo. Fields, and Sis. Ruth Williams. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in tongues while tarrying on the altar at a revival held by the late Eld. Jack Coe

Mo. Washington wore many hats in the church such as, Sunshine Band Leader, Bible Band teacher, Women's Day Asst. President, and Church Mother to name a few. Her hobbies included fishing, watching the *Jimmy Swaggart Ministries* and *The Price is Right*.

She was known for selling her delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and pastries after Sunday School. Mo. Washington would make soup for the sick saints and sometimes after the shut-in's at church. Mo. Washington was a wonderful cook and baker and was known for her delicious peach cobbles, cakes, and sweet potato pies. Her last job was as a private duty nurse working at St. Paul Towers in Oakland, CA. She retired in 1979.

All through Mother Washington's life, God proved Himself faithful during many trying times, even miraculously healing her from breast cancer. She has borne much fruit in her lifetime witnessing and winning many souls to Christ. Mo. Washington will be sorely missed by those who loved her so dearly.

Mo. Washington leaves to cherish her beautiful and loving memories, her four children, Al, Elizabeth (Ronald), Evelyn, and Ida (Denise), one niece, Barbara Powell of Phoenix, AZ, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, church families Bethlehem Temple, Perry Temple, Showers of Blessings, Lighthouse Mission COGIC, and a host of friends.

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PROCLAMATION OF HOPE/EULOGY  
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### FINAL GLIMPSE TIL GLORY

"WELL GLORY"

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# Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me.  
I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me.  
I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.

Don't cry for me.  
I am not alone.  
The angels are with me  
to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me,  
for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.  
This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.





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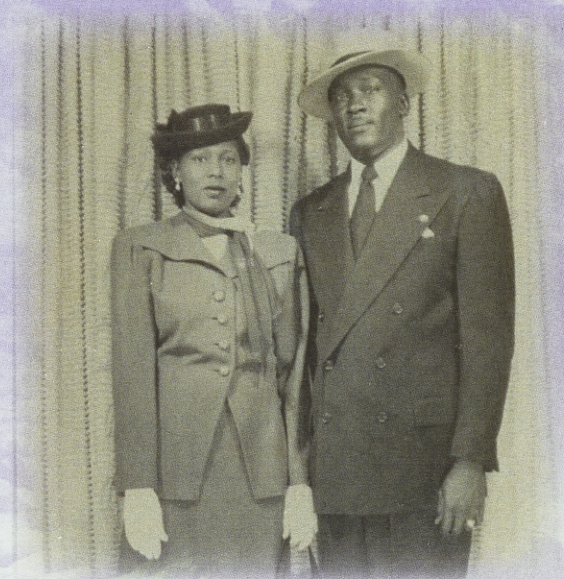
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